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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: CONVERSATION WITH
TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR

1. TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR TIBANDEBAGE CALLED ON ME AT HIS REQUEST TODAY (JUNE 6). HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD NOW HAD TWO INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT, FIRST OF WHICH ARRIVED VERY LATE WAS REQUEST FOR GOZ CO-OPERATION IN SEARCH. SECOND, WAS MESSAGE SAYING CAPTIVES WERE IN ZAIRE AND THAT GOT NO LONGER FELT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR RELEASE. HE SAYS UNNAMED ZAIRIAN OFFICIAL, WHO HAD INITIALLY POOHED-POOHED POSSIBILITY OF ZAIRIAN INVOLVEMENT, IN SECOND CONVERSATION STATED IT WAS PROBABLE THAT BANDITS INDEED WERE HOLDING STUDENTS IN ZAIRE. (NOTHING MUCH NEW HERE.)

2. TIBANDEBAGE THEN ASKED IF KASHAMURA SHAMBU MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE INTERMEDIARY. HE SAID HE KNEW KASHAMURA WELL FROM DAYS HE HAD BEEN TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR IN PARIS AND HAD SEEN HIM SINCE KASHAMURA HAD RETURNED EARLIER THIS YEAR UNDER MOBUTU AMNESTY. I ASKED IF HE
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HAD SEEN HIM SINCE KIDNAPPING AND TIBANDEBAGE SAID NO,

THOUGHT WAS HIS OWN AND HE HAD NOT DISCUSSED IT EITHER WITH GOZ OR WITH KASHAMURA. I SAID MY IMPRESSION WAS THAT WHILE KASHAMURA MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO PRP, HE UNLIKELY BE ACCEPTABLE TO OTHERS AS GO-BETWEEN. THIS DOES, HOWEVER, IDENTIFY ANOTHER CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATIONS TO KASHAMURA SHOULD THAT BE NECESSARY, WHO, IN FACT, MIGHT ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOZ FOR ME HE FALLS IN CATEGORY OF "LAST RESORT."

3. TIBANDEBAGE ASKED ABOUT BELGIAN PRIESTS HE UNDERSTOOD WOULD BE INTERMEDIARIES AND I SAID HE MUST KNOW SOMETHING I DIDN'T KNOW BUT THAT WE WERE IN TOUCH WITH VARIOUS MISSIONARY GROUPS, HOPING THAT THEY COULD HELP GET WORD TO KIDNAPPERS THAT STEINER IS AVAILABLE IN BUJUMBURA.

4. AS I WALKED TIBANDEBAGE TO HIS CAR HE ASKED ME IF MISS SMUTS HAD SAID ANYTHING ABOUT HALF-CASTS OR WHITES AMONGS BANDITS. I SAID, "NOT TO MY RECOLLECTION, WHY DO YOU ASK?" HE SAID HE HAD VISIT FROM CUBAN AMBASSADOR HERE WHO HAD POSED NUMEROUS QUESTIONS ABOUT KIDNAPPING AND WHO WAS NOW SEEKING SECOND MEETING. I SAID, "THAT IS INTERESTING, ISN'T IT, AND PLEASE TELL HIM NOTHING THAT IS NOT PUBLIC INFORMATION." (COMMENT: IN 60'S CUBANS WORKED WITH KABILA GROUP UNDER NO LESS AMAN THAN CHE GUEVARA BUT AS FAR AS I AM AWARE THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION OF CUBAN INVOLVEMENT WITH REBELS FOR MANY YEARS.)
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